



Illinois Department of Natural Resources

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Pat Quinn, Governor
Marc Miller, Director

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Dan Crouse
Martin Engineering Company
3223 South Meadowbrook
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RE: Hedley Strip Mall
IDNR Project #1009348

Dear Mr. Crouse:

EcoCAT (Ecological Compliance Assessment Tool) website. The initial report generated for your project indicated the presence of protected resources in the vicinity of the project location. The Department has completed its review of the project and determined that the action is likely to have an adverse impact on Franklin's ground squirrel (*Spermophilus franklinii*).

The goal of these recommendations is to avoid creating habitat to attract the Franklin's ground squirrel into the project area during construction. Please avoid stockpiling soil on the property for extended periods. As part of the landscaping, if a berm is planned for noise abatement, please put the soil in place rather than moving it from one place to another. Consultation on the part of the Department is completed. In accordance with 17 Ill. Adm. Code 1075.40(h), IEPA must notify the Department of its decision regarding these recommendations, whether they will:

- Allow the action to proceed as originally proposed;
- Require the action to be modified per Department recommendations (please specify which measures if not all will be required); or
- Forgo the action.

This consultation is valid for two years unless new information becomes available that was not previously considered; the proposed action is modified; or additional species, essential habitat, or Natural Areas are identified in the vicinity. If the project has not been implemented within two years of the date of this letter, or any of the above listed conditions develop, a new consultation is necessary.

The natural resource review reflects the information existing in the Illinois Natural Heritage Database at the time of the project submittal, and should not be regarded as a final statement on the site being considered, nor should it be a substitute for detailed site surveys or field surveys

required for environmental assessments. If additional protected resources are encountered during the project's implementation, you must comply with the applicable statutes and regulations. Also, note that termination does not imply IDNR's authorization or endorsement of the proposed action.

Please contact me if you have questions regarding this review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tracy Evans". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Tracy Evans
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